

Appendix 2

Diary of Joan Mary Dibdin - 1938 to 1950

Married Anthony Benoit Guise to become Joan Guise in 3 Oct 1942

This Diary is the amalgamation of 3 sets of diaries from 1938 to 1950.

It is useful in so far as it gives us insight into the people surrounding Joan, as well as her activities at the time.

The two special diaries, one of which starts on this page, offer us the privilege of reading her inner most thoughts.

We get this again through only a few letters written by Joan and by extrapolation from other people letters.

01/01/1938

COMMENT Joan was living at Queen Alexandra's House, a hostel by the Albert Hall. - see this diary for list of family and friends birthdays

02/01/1938 Drinks with Jimmie Lorna and Don

02/02/1938 lunch with Peter

04/02/1938 Peter and Joan went to Grandma then Dinner at Banstead

12/02/1938 weekend at Reigate

14/02/1938 Max 10.00

COMMENT Max Pirani was Joan's piano teacher and in some respects a mentor.

25/02/1938 Peter and Don's Birthday

18/03/1938 Snow White with Mrs Midd

20/03/1938 Epsom Downs with Don and Kathie

08/04/1938 lesson with Max

COMMENT There are lots of entries for lessons with Max - some at his home and for tea.

10/04/1938 Dentist

COMMENT there are entries for 3 days for the dentist

13/04/1938 Dinner at Redfords with Michael

02/05/1938 Term begins

COMMENT This will be at the Royal Academy of Music - At this time she was just 18. She started at college early in 1937 just 17 years old.

28/05/1938 Tea with Auntie Lettie - Pictures with Peter

12/06/1938 Sunday - Carshalton

25/06/1938 Reigate

27/06/1938 Competition for Cecil Martin Prize

30/06/1938 Entrance for LRAM

07/07/1938 Aunt L Funeral 2.00

COMMENT This may be Aunt Lettie either older or younger.

15/07/1938 Saw Grandma and Dentist

23/07/1938 Term ends

COMMENT Busy Social life in August - reference to bathing parties Jack Mick Tony Mikado as well as family.

On July 23, 1938 Joan used a large notebook in which she was noting all her daily expenses and making drawings of clothing designs.

She labeled up a couple of months giving a page a day in advance but actually only used a total of 9 days.

This diary gives us some considerable insight into her activities and state of mind at the age of 18½ .

23 July 1938

I took my trunk and a suitcase round to Miss Taylor's with Peter. He leant £2.00 and I now owe him £2/10/0.

Then caught the 3.20 PM train to Nottingham. Got a taxi at Victoria station.

Found only Uncle in. We had some tea and went to the golf club. Had a drink and looked for mushrooms.

Then we went on to the exhibition. Didn't get back till nearly 10.00. Had some supper.

Don came in. It was marvellous to see him again.

He and Perps came in again later. I have just seen Auntie when I arrived, before she had to hurry off to bridge. We took her down in the car.

Sunday July 24th 1938

Got up early for a Sunday. Don had Kathleen's car, we picked up Brian and Jack Wesscin also Mickey Hayley (Moicheal!) And went to Calverton to bathe. Grand fun, finished at the Forests Tavern.

In the afternoon we went up to Bastows and picked raspberries in a basin with Jack and Micky. Then went on to Calverton. We fought over them at teatime. Brian came up with his fiancée Aileen Bull. Later on we went on to Woodborough and had some drinks, home brew!. Continued on back to Nottingham just in time for a couple "at the Tavern"

23 August 1938

"Met Don in the Mikado at 12.00. Got a taxi at 2.40 for the Midland Station. (Nottingham). Micky was there. Then Don came down. I felt awful leaving them all. Don opened my small blue case and said what's in here ? I told him to shut it because everything would fall out. I kissed them both and said good bye. Don said he would write to me. Just as the train was going out Jack came flying down the steps. I shouted Jack and he waved. It was so marvellous of them all to get away from the office for me. I felt wretched the entire journey, I wanted Don so much.

When I got to St Pancras no one was there to meet me; so I had some tea and got the tube to Ruislip. I had my huge expanding case and a coat. I landed on Aunt Lettie's doorstep with 3 pence in my bag. The next door people came out and said she was away in Sutton. I nearly had hysterics on the spot. They lent me 6 pence to phone her while they gave me something to eat (I hadn't had anything since lunchtime. I couldn't get a thing out of Aunt on the phone and we were cut off in the middle.

After I have eaten they lent me 4 shillings more and I started back for town. It was nearly dark by this time { it must have been late as it was mid July}. The walk to the station was something awful, with that case to drag along. (I left the coat at Ruislip)

Eventually I got to Victoria Station. Someone kindly carried it across the road for me otherwise I could not have done it.

I had almost given up by this time. I managed to drag myself to Mrs Middleton's. It was 10.00pm when I got there.

She took me in and was very sweet. She rang up Auntie Lettie and told her where I was then put me in a bath and brought me some soup.

Like an ass I told her I was in love with Don. She told me to forget all about him. That's all very well but how can I, when I love him."

Wednesday August 24 1938

I am to stay with Mrs. Midd till Thursday

Saturday September 3 1938

Auntie bought my breakfast up in bed. I got up at about 10.50 and had a bath and washed my hair.

I mowed the lawn in the afternoon while Aunt Lettie did the front garden. I went shopping in the afternoon or rather evening and came back and found Aunt having a bonfire.

We sang for about an hour then had supper. Went to bed about 11pm.

Sunday September 4 1938

Didn't do much during the morning, put cardboard in Auntie's Radio Times cover and washed some under clothes.

Wolfram came in the afternoon while we were washing up. He seemed very nice, stayed up till 5.00pm. We had some tea then and I ironed my clothes afterwards.

Auntie insisted on coming all the way back to town with me, so we started. We got to Cranleigh Gardens at about 7.30pm. She didn't stay long. It is a lovely room with a Humpty in the middle. The bed and chair covers are in a brownie material.

I did some unpacking and then went out and had some supper at the Imperial restaurant. Hors d'oeuvres and a glass of Worthington. I expect Don was in the Tavern drinking Worthington at the same time 9.00 till 9.30pm., Had a letter from Trustees also Jervis Read. Paper was very bad. When I unpacked my small blue case I found a packet of 25 Players cigarettes. Don must have let put them in when he opened my case at the Midland Station. He is a darling. My case having been at Saint Pancras Station all this time. I have only just found them.

Monday September 5 1938

Had breakfast at 9.00 Miss Taylor gave me a latch key. Met another girl at breakfast but I can't remember her name. Make my bed and tidied up.

I phoned Peter at 9.30. He had a good holiday on the south coast. He is apparently the better for it. When I got back just after 11.00 am the piano was arriving. It is simply marvellous. I am so thrilled with it. I did some paperwork before lunch. The paper I sent to Mr. Read was terribly bad and he is furious with me.

I had a letter from Don this morning. He says he will come up to town next weekend for a long weekend. Also what about the holiday?. He is a darling and I love him so.

Had some tea at of the ABC. Peter came round a bout 5.30pm. We fetched the box from Q.A. Then he stayed and called for a bit. I talked about Don and the holiday. He just took it for granted. Had some supper at the Shack Bar in South Ken. I think I shall do the exam tomorrow.

Tuesday 6th 1938

Had breakfast in a hurry and rushed off to a Academy for LRAM paper exam. Just got there in time. The paper wasn't bad, better than last time, I shall be sick if I haven't passed. I missed Max. {Max Pirani her tutor}. Had lunch then went to see "Yank at Oxford" at Tussauds.

Came back and phoned Lolo. She is coming round tomorrow night. Lettie phoned to say ship is docking tomorrow at 3.00pm

The ship was from Australia with the Montford family on and was arriving in Southampton at 3.30 on the 7th Sept.

I wrote to Don. Gosh how I do miss him

Wednesday Sept 7 1938

Peter phoned just after breakfast to say he had the day off to meet the ship. I caught the 11th 24 AM to Epsom and we drove down to Southampton from there. Lettie went by train. We left at 12.00 and got there a bout 2.30 PM, stopping for lunch at Aylesford for about an hour.

It was fun and Peter seem happy. The boat was an hour late. I spotted Marian etc.

We went on to the boat and stayed there about 2 hours. Adrian is enormously tall and Bobby, very short. They had a terrible cockney accent and frightfully

herum scerum, but very nice. The boat train left at 6.50 and Peter and I got to the Drift Bridge at 9.00. We had an enormous dinner and a drink after with the proprietor. I had a look at the ballroom and tried the piano. Peter's room is very nice. At 10.30 we went to Cremona to take the luggage we had bought up from Southampton. Peter drove me to Morden at about 11.30 and I got home about 12.30 I was very tired after it all.

Thursday September 8 1938

I was dead tired of this morning and was late for breakfast. Went to see Mrs. Midd before lunch. She has broken her arm and is absolutely helpless. It is the right arm.

Had some lunch at the Milk Bar in Piccadilly Circus then walked out Regent Street and did some shopping.

Got back about six and made some tea. I phoned Lolo at 7.00 to explain about yesterday. She had left a note for me. She is coming to tea tomorrow.

Had some supper at Nics very nice.

Just two more days and Don will be here if all goes well. Oh dear, that time go so slowly and I love him so much.

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During my life, Joan had occasionally mentioned that she had a soft spot for Don Haycraft, but had never indicated the depth of feeling that she had for him. The fact that they had talked about a holiday together suggested that the feeling must have been reciprocated. The notebook also contained detailed financial accounts for March 1939 with some from Sept 1938. There was little else written in this large notebook but many of pages had sketches and scribbles. Tucked into it were a number of drawings by Joan including cartoons and many sketched of dress designs.

**25/08/1938** Go to Cremona  
COMMENT Family House in Sutton in Cavendish Road  
**26/08/1938** See Grandma  
COMMENT This must be Grandma Haycraft - Samuel Willett Haycrafts widow.  
**29/08/1938** Dentist  
COMMENT Two days of dentist  
**06/09/1938** LRAM paper

**19/09/1938** Term starts  
**15/10/1938** Met David - ice hockey  
**25/10/1938** Tony (Mikado) for sausage and mash  
**12/11/1938** weekend at reigate  
**04/12/1938** Go to Nottingham  
**11/12/1938** Back to town  
**25/12/1938** Tavern  
**13/01/1939** Piano tuner  
**19/01/1939** Gas exam

**21/01/1939** Busy Day -  
COMMENT see scanned pages  
**31/01/1939** Ears Syringed  
COMMENT This was a regular occourence for Joan throughout he life  
**01/02/1939** Ears Pierced  
**25/02/1939** Dons Birthday  
**26/02/1939** Peters Birthday  
**23/04/1939** Go to Nottingham

COMMENT ! For the day !  
**29/04/1939** Don's last Exam  
COMMENT It would be interesting to know what exams Don was taking in London.  
**12/05/1939** Trustees Office  
**28/05/1939** Tavern - Golf Course  
COMMENT Whit Sunday  
**29/05/1939** Tavern  
**30/05/1939** Return to town

**10/06/1939** Max's party  
**12/06/1939** rehearsal  
 COMMENT Drama was a significant part of Joan's course  
**14/06/1939** Daddy's Birthday  
**18/06/1939** Sutton Cavendish Road  
**09/07/1939** Stanley's Birthday  
**16/07/1939** Peter leaving for camp - Don Home - Lolo tea  
**05/08/1939** Trunk to Grandmas - Mums - Telegram from Don  
**06/08/1939** Go to Sutton - Montfords  
**07/08/1939** see Grandma  
**08/08/1939** Don arriving St Pancras  
**13/08/1939** Peter back from camp - move to 95 Queens Gate  
 COMMENT Joan moved to 95 Queens Gate  
**15/08/1939** Montfords evening  
**17/08/1939**  
 COMMENT Reply from Oxford Repertory Player turning her down  
**20/08/1939** lunch at Drift Bridge Club Reigate for tea  
**22/08/1939** saw goodbye Mr Chips  
**24/08/1939** Peter called up  
**26/08/1939** went to Nottingham  
**03/09/1939** War declared with France against Germany  
 COMMENT  
 Start of WORLD WAR 2  
**04/09/1939** return to town Sutton in afternoon - Grandma  
**05/09/1939** GO to Reigate  
**07/09/1939** Frank wedding in Nottingham

**08/09/1939** Mothers Birthday  
**10/09/1939** see grandma  
**16/09/1939** with David down to Camp to see Peter - Kings Head lunch  
**22/09/1939** Auntie Gerties Birthday  
**25/09/1939** Peter up for tea  
**27/09/1939** Piano moved to Sutton  
 COMMENT This was probably to the address in Cavendish Road belonging to the Aglio sisters and used by the Monforts on their return from Australia.  
**05/10/1939** Lunch with Max - pictures with Gerald d' Abreu  
**08/10/1939** See Peter and David and Peter's Camp  
**08/10/1939** see Peter with David  
**09/10/1939** Lessons in Home Nursing and Gas  
 COMMENT These lessons went on for nearly 2 weeks  
**18/10/1939** Home nursing exam  
**21/10/1939** Returned to town  
 COMMENT Now living at 12 Granville Place Portman Square W1  
**24/10/1939** Started work at First Aid Post  
 COMMENT Here she worked shifts day and night.  
**09/11/1939** Dentist  
**11/11/1939** see Muirs  
 COMMENT ie David Muir's Family in Carshalton  
**19/11/1939** Dentist  
 COMMENT 2 visits in the week

**20/11/1939** Middlesex Hospital  
 COMMENT explanation unknown but probably training  
**21/11/1939** Ward  
**22/11/1939** Ward  
**24/11/1939** Theatre meet Peter in Town  
**25/11/1939** Go to Drift Bridge Club  
**27/11/1939** Darts at Drift Bridge Club  
**28/11/1939** Sutton - Montfords town meet ~David 6.45 Peter - return to Granville Place  
**29/11/1939** Hospital- Theatre and Casualty  
**30/11/1939** Peter returns to Camp  
**03/12/1939** Church Parade - Kings head - Black Horse tea.  
**14/12/1939** Dance with Peter and Dick - stayed with Peter for night.  
**15/12/1939** Dance at Radio Club  
**16/12/1939** David 3.30  
**17/12/1939** Bib's birthday  
**19/12/1939** Rehearsal at Granville Place  
**23/12/1939** Snow at Post - Radio Club  
**24/12/1939** Grandma Died in her sleep - heart attack  
**25/12/1939** Telegram from Don  
 Dinner at Post - Party at Post  
**27/12/1939** Letter from Don - David -go to see Peter.  
**30/12/1939** Mrs Midd's birthday  
**31/12/1939** On morning shift - Sister leaves - party at Radio Club.  
**01/01/1940** Morning Shift

**02/01/1940** David 6.00 Theatre - The Coin is Free  
**05/01/1940** received first salary £1-18-9  
**06/01/1940** Peter Leave cancelled - day off  
**07/01/1940** Night Shift  
**08/01/1940** Bracelt from Don  
**09/01/1940** night off see Mrs Midd  
**13/01/1940** Peter 48 Hours David 4.30  
**14/01/1940** evening shift Peter phoned  
**15/01/1940** Peter 10.00 returned to camp  
**20/01/1940** Peter going for cadet training  
**21/01/1940** morning shift  
**22/01/1940** Hairdresser Beaumonts 5.00  
**23/01/1940** Birthday Letter Don David 6.30  
**25/01/1940** Day off  
**26/01/1940** Peter in town  
 Evening at Granville Pl - train 9.15  
 Jack is coming to Granville place  
 COMMENT 8 Granville Place W.1 (Portman Sq and Oxford St)  
**28/01/1940** Night shift  
**30/01/1940** 9.15 Victoria Station - under the clock  
**31/01/1940** Night off Evening with Jack and Did Post 7.30  
**03/02/1940** David lunch 12,30 - cancelled - sick  
**04/02/1940** Evening Sick  
**05/02/1940** Back at Post  
**09/02/1940** Day off Jack 3.30 tea and Pictures  
**11/02/1940** Morning

**13/02/1940** Day off  
**18/02/1940** Night  
**23/02/1940** Leave from 7.00  
 Spent afternoon with Jack and Peter - Billiards - Plaza Suttin Peter and Junbo  
**24/02/1940** Evening - Leave rugger 3.00 Evening at Club phone Jack  
**25/02/1940** leave Don's Birthday phone Jack 9.00 - in bed with Flu - Doctor  
**26/02/1940** leave Peter's Birthday 27(years) still in bed - doctor - leter from Jack  
**27/02/1940** leave - Doctor - letter from Jack  
**29/02/1940** return town Peter off to Dover - away from Post  
**03/03/1940** morning back at post 8.00am  
**07/03/1940** Lorna up in town 11.30 St Pancras  
**10/03/1940** night  
**11/03/1940** night Medmenham  
**13/03/1940** night Piano removed  
**14/03/1940** Piano delivered 50/-  
**17/03/1940** evening  
**18/03/1940** Lunch with auntie and Lorna  
**19/03/1940** evening Lorna went home  
**21/03/1940** evening  
**24/03/1940** morning  
**25/03/1940** morning  
**27/03/1940** morning  
**28/03/1940** ring from jack  
**29/03/1940** leave  
**30/03/1940** leave Peter's leave  
**31/03/1940** night

**05/04/1940** Academy Dance  
**07/04/1940** evening - off  
**11/04/1940** Peter back to camp  
**13/04/1940** day off  
**14/04/1940** morning  
**17/04/1940** day off  
**18/04/1940** see Mrs Midd Jack 7.30pm  
**21/04/1940** night - off 9.00  
**28/04/1940** evening  
**05/05/1940** morning off  
**12/05/1940** night on  
**13/05/1940** leave  
**14/05/1940** leave  
**17/05/1940** Dentist 12.00 dressing in tooth  
**19/05/1940** Evening off  
**20/05/1940** 12.30 Dentist  
**21/05/1940** Dentist 11.15 clean up gum  
**22/05/1940** Dentist 12.30 1 filling  
**24/05/1940** Dentist 2 Fillings  
**26/05/1940** Morning  
**29/05/1940** day off meet Jean 3.15 Dutch Oven  
**30/05/1940** Dentist 4.00pm 3 Fillings  
**02/06/1940** Night off  
**03/06/1940** Dentist 12.00 Bandage Demonstration 1.00-4.00  
**05/06/1940** Flag Day  
**09/06/1940** Eve  
**16/06/1940** Morn  
**23/06/1940** Night  
**24/06/1940** optician 9.15 Army and Navy Stores  
**26/06/1940** See Mrs Midd 1.45 at 118  
**30/06/1940** Eve  
**14/07/1940** Leave for fortnight

**21/07/1940** Even  
**28/07/1940** morn  
**03/08/1940** Victoria 11.55 Epsom 12.30  
**04/08/1940** night return to town  
**06/08/1940** Jack Left 4.0pm  
**11/08/1940** Eve  
**12/08/1940** Court 10.30 am 2 months received £2-15-01 for rent  
**18/08/1940** morning Mrs ? Leaving Post Miss Spice takes over  
**23/08/1940** party for Miss Renoir at Flonmer Flat Miss Renoir left post  
**25/08/1940** night  
**01/09/1940** eve  
**07/09/1940** COMMENT Start of first LONDON BLITZ  
**15/09/1940** night  
**16/09/1940** Peter 24hr leave  
**17/09/1940** 1st night of casualties 18 Peter on duty 10pm 24 hours  
**18/09/1940** Granville Place Evacuated.  
**20/09/1940** Miss Renoir for tea at Floumis Flat  
**21/09/1940** Jack coming back  
**22/09/1940** eve  
**29/09/1940** morn - returned 8 Granville Place  
**13/10/1940** eve  
**20/10/1940** morn  
**01/11/1940** 1st typhoid injection 7.30am go to Montfords  
**04/11/1940** Away from the post

**05/11/1940** COMMENT Joan admitted to Middlesex Hospital Joan ill ref, letters from Margaret and Peter  
**05/11/1940** Jack's birthday - sent to hospital - grumbling appendix  
**08/11/1940** Jack to see me - Jack's day off  
**10/11/1940** Jack to see me - Giselle bought pay £1-15-0  
**11/11/1940** COMMENT Joan discharged from Middlesex - admitted to Mount Vernon Hospital Northwood  
**13/11/1940** Jack came to see me  
**16/11/1940** changed to ward 12  
**17/11/1940** Jack to see me brought pay £1-8-9  
**18/11/1940** X ray  
**21/11/1940** COMMENT Joan still at Mount Vernon  
**21/11/1940** Out of Hospital  
**22/11/1940** Lunch with Jack  
**24/11/1940** Got to Epsom  
**25/11/1940** Back to town - Reigate afternoon  
**29/11/1940** Back to town  
**30/11/1940** Jack's day off  
**12/12/1940** COMMENT Letter from Margaret - critising her behaviour  
**21/12/1940** Go down to Sussex Bulbdrn  
**22/12/1940** Jack's day off  
**23/12/1940** Return to London in car - Peter 24 hrs leave  
**25/12/1940** off  
**26/12/1940** on

**27/12/1940** off - Pantomine coliseum Aladdin  
**28/12/1940** on  
**29/12/1940** off  
**30/12/1940** on  
**31/12/1940** off  
**01/01/1941** On duty  
 COMMENT Still living at Granville place  
**02/01/1941** Raid  
**04/01/1941** Quarrel with Jack hit him - 1st time hit anyone  
**05/02/1941** Hair permed  
**10/05/1941**  
 COMMENT End of first LONDON BLITZ  
**25/05/1941** Streatham weeks leave  
 COMMENT This was the first encounter with the Guise Family and she went with Don Haycraft  
**31/05/1941** Streatham  
**07/06/1941** Met Tony at Streatham - first time  
 COMMENT First meeting with Tony  
**09/06/1941** Met Tony at Streatham  
**09/07/1941** Rudolf Steiner  
**16/07/1941** Dentist - removal of front black fillings  
**18/07/1941** Dentist - gold fronts  
**22/08/1941** Tony arrived 10.20 Paddington  
**23/08/1941** Streatham with Tony  
**02/09/1941** New Job - Mobile Unt  
**09/09/1941** Jean's Baby born  
 COMMENT John Irvine  
**26/09/1941** Jean out of Hospital

**02/10/1941** Marie's birthday - Tony 4 Days  
**11/12/1941** Mater's birthday  
**17/01/1942** Tony back to Achnasheen  
 COMMENT Scotland - training  
**16/02/1942** Scotland to meet Tony - until 17th  
**19/02/1942** Mobile unit disbanded - moved to heart hospital  
**23/02/1942** Tony to Shetlands.  
**09/03/1942** New Job - packing office  
**25/03/1942** Moved Peters Car to Masons Garage  
**05/04/1942** Tony's birthday  
**06/05/1942** Dentist  
**13/05/1942** Dentist  
**18/06/1942** Tony on leave  
 COMMENT Probably Raoul was conceived on this leave.  
**23/06/1942** ATS Medical  
**27/06/1942** Tony back to Ayr  
**09/07/1942** Call up Papers ATS  
**11/08/1942** Tony moved From Stewart Newton  
**30/09/1942** Preparing for wedding.  
**03/10/1942** Married Honeymoon East Grinstead - Feltridge Hotel  
 COMMENT TONY AND JOAN MARRIED  
**07/10/1942** Tony back to Scotland  
**30/10/1942** Dentist  
 COMMENT through to 9 Nov  
**09/11/1942** Dentist

**12/11/1942** Removal of Piano up from Sutton to Stanthorpe Road  
 COMMENT Joan found a flat for them both at 81 Stanthorpe Road Streatham  
**22/11/1942** Tony back to Scotland  
**23/11/1942** 1st night in new Flat  
 COMMENT 81 Stanhope Road Streatham  
**25/11/1942** Flat Warming Party  
**07/12/1942** Dentist  
**10/12/1942** More dentist  
**16/12/1942** Tony home  
**17/12/1942** Tony back to Chester  
**13/01/1943** Viewed pram  
**14/01/1943** bought pram  
**19/01/1943** pram went in for spraying  
**11/03/1943** Raoul Born 6.20 pm 8 lbs 4 1/2 ozs  
 COMMENT RAOUL BORN  
**15/03/1943** Tony arrives  
**19/03/1943** Tony leave  
**28/03/1943** Out of hospital  
**05/04/1943** Tony home in 6 days  
**11/04/1943** Raoul baptised  
**12/04/1943** Peter home for 9 days  
**01/05/1943** Tony 24 hours  
**08/05/1943** Tony 36 hours  
**25/05/1943** Raoul Off breast  
**29/05/1943** Raoul on Barley milk  
**24/06/1943** Tony 4 days  
**25/06/1943** Peter 9 days  
**29/06/1943** Tony 9 Days  
**02/09/1943** Jean for the day - Chiswick for the night.  
**15/09/1943** Raoul 1st tooth

**21/09/1943** Tony embarkation leave  
 COMMENT Start of regular notes about camera settings for photographs  
**27/09/1943** Called to Lymington Hospital  
**28/09/1943** Peter died 11.30 pm  
 COMMENT PETER DIED in a military accident  
**29/09/1943** Returned to town  
**02/10/1943** Funeral for Peter - Marie Birthday  
**03/10/1943** Wedding Anniversary  
**08/10/1943** Tony leave finished - left for Woolwich  
**11/10/1943** Tony for another 11 days  
**23/10/1943** Tony left Woolwich - heard no more  
**24/10/1943** At 4 Pinfold Road for the day  
**28/10/1943** 1st letter to Tony  
**30/10/1943** went to Reigate  
**01/11/1943** 2nd letter to Tony  
**05/11/1943** Letter from Tony  
**06/11/1943** 3rd Letter to Tony  
**11/11/1943** leave Reigate home with Raoul  
**17/11/1943** Dentist Mr Stewin - 4.00pm - extraction.  
 COMMENT She had been seeing Mr Stewin for some time.  
**23/11/1943** 4th letter to Tony  
**02/12/1943** Letter from Tony  
**03/12/1943** 5th letter to Tony  
**09/12/1943** Fitting Davidsons  
 COMMENT Presumably for some false teeth.  
**11/12/1943** Maters Birthday

**12/12/1943** David and Kathleen for Tea  
**28/12/1943** Letter to Tony  
**01/01/1944**  
 COMMENT Now living at 81 Stanhope Road Streatham  
**11/01/1944** Letter to Tony - India  
**17/01/1944** Sutton: Bank and Hind  
**25/01/1944** Marian and Bobby  
**28/01/1944** Marian and Bobby Tea  
**31/01/1944** Dr visited Raoul  
**02/02/1944** Dr visited Raoul  
**10/02/1944** Doctor  
**11/02/1944** Doctor  
**16/02/1944** Doctor  
**19/02/1944** Doctor  
**21/02/1944** X ray Doctor  
**22/02/1944** Doctor  
**24/02/1944** Doctor  
**13/03/1944** Dentist and Mrs Midd  
**13/03/1944** Auntie E ( Edith) died midday - Heart attack  
 COMMENT In Special Diary  
**16/03/1944** Bank - massage  
**17/03/1944** Dentist  
**19/03/1944** Bobby for tea  
**23/03/1944** Polyphotos  
**24/03/1944** Dentist  
**27/03/1944** Massage  
**28/03/1944** Carshalton

**28/03/1944** Tis eleven years ago today that Mother and Father died; tis six months today that Peter died.  
 Have been to the cemetery this afternoon. Met Beryl afterwards and stayed for tea. Everything is really the same at Carshalton but somewhat disappointing.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**29/03/1944** Dentist  
**29/03/1944** Had a painful time with the dentist this afternoon. Shall be glad when he has finished fixing my teeth. Called at no.4 to collect my watch and found Mater had just got home. She seems in a bad mood – can't think why. She could be so much happier if she would try to be more cheerful and not so much on the defensive. I have written to Tony tonight and have told him my fears of our reunion – that he will have changed and we at home will not have.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**30/03/1944** Massage  
**31/03/1944** Spring cleaned the bedroom – pretty big job.– Victor came round in the afternoon – stayed until about 7.00 and helped lay carpet and put up curtains  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary

**01/04/1944** Raoul and I went to Ewell for the day – David was there. Didn't feel to grand in the evening.  
 Winifred ( Colville?)  
**Sun 2nd April 1944**  
 Quiet day at home –turned out some of the boxes and cases. Was very harassing – going through Peters things Poor darling he must have had a miserable life & so lonely. I wish I could have been more help to him – wrote to Tony.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**01/04/1944** Raoul and I went to Ewell for the day to see Winifred-David was there. Didn't feel to grand in the evening.  
 Winifred ( Colville?)  
 COMMENT Research about the Colvilles needed  
**02/04/1944** Quiet day at home – turned out some of the boxes and cases. Was very harassing – going through Peters things Poor darling he must have had a miserable life & so lonely. I wish I could have been more help to him – wrote to Tony.  
**03/04/1944** Dentist at 3.15 left Raoul in the garden. Called on Mrs Midd on the way home met her niece Lorna again Michael is home after 3 ½ years. Didn't get home till after 6.00 but Raoul was waiting very patiently. Had a parcel from Tony in morning lovely things 2 bone storks (1 broken) 2 ebony elephants ivory necklace and bracelet - money

bracelet -ivory figure- ash tray brass cig box and carved wood cig box.  
 Letter from Tony in the afternoon went round to No.4 in the evening for a little while ; all out at a picture except Nita and Dinah both feel bit better.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**03/04/1944** Dentist  
**04/04/1944** Had rather a lazy morning ! rushed lunch then massage at 2.00 – started exercises It has been a lovely day quite a bit of rain which has brightened everything up a little – But we need so very very much more. We had tea with Anita and Dinah and have again spent the evening turning out cases and boxes.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**04/04/1944** Massage  
**05/04/1944** Tony's Birthday - It is just past 6.00 and have just drunk Tony's health and happiness I wonder if he is thinking of home at the moment and having a drink with me.  
 Oh God bless you my dearest Husband  
 Bon voyage & safe return my heart is yours forever.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**05/04/1944** Dentist

**06/04/1944** Shopping and turning out cases Mrs H did the bathroom and dusted around  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**07/04/1944** Quiet Day – Got some fish for Raoul in morning – more turning out in the afternoon. Spent a while with myself upstairs this evening and had a whiskey – There is much in my thoughts today but I cannot express it on paper. I listened tonight to the episode of the crucifixion of Our Lord – Very beautiful but too modernised – Found Raoul cutting his eye teeth.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**08/04/1944** Spent evening at No. 4  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**09/04/1944** Easter Sunday - Spent evening at No. 4  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**09/04/1944** Easter Sunday  
**10/04/1944** At home met family for drink at lunchtime with Mary – Turned out boxes and clothes  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**11/04/1944** Marriage 3.00pm - Turned out cases - awful lot of moth around.  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**11/04/1944** Massage

**12/04/1944** Quiet day more turning out Mary came to dinner  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**13/04/1944** Dentist 3.00 thank God he has removed all the fillings. Had to have cocaine today. Mary looked after Raoul for the afternoon  
 COMMENT Entry in Special Diary  
**13/04/1944** Dentist  
**19/04/1944** Dentist  
**20/04/1944** Massage  
**21/04/1944** Perm  
**24/04/1944** Dentist  
**26/04/1944** Dentist  
**27/04/1944** Massage  
**28/04/1944** Dentist  
**03/05/1944** Dentist  
**04/05/1944** Cable Tony  
**05/05/1944** Dentist  
**06/05/1944** David to the theatre -  
**10/05/1944** Dentist  
**12/05/1944** Dentist  
**15/05/1944** Dentist  
**19/05/1944** Dentist  
**20/05/1944** Anna's Wedding  
**22/05/1944** Dentist  
**23/05/1944** Jean and John  
**26/05/1944** Dentist  
**28/05/1944** Colvilles  
**29/05/1944** 4 Pinfold Road  
**31/05/1944** Dentist  
**01/06/1944** Dr Bailey for Raoul  
**02/06/1944** Dentist  
**06/06/1944** Sweep  
**10/06/1944** Betty's wedding

**12/06/1944**  
 COMMENT V1 flying bombs start falling on London  
 Joan evacuated with Raoul in 12 days  
**15/06/1944** Raids Started - Flying bombs  
**23/06/1944** Train to Worcester - Raoul and Mary ?  
**03/07/1944** Nottingham  
**11/07/1944** London for the day  
**19/07/1944** Meols  
**23/07/1944** COMMENT  
 TONY DROWNED IN CEYLON  
**01/08/1944**  
 Telegram from the War Office  
 COMMENT To say that Tony had died on 23 July 1944  
**03/11/1944** Dentist  
**07/11/1944** Dentist  
**10/11/1944** Dentist  
**01/01/1945**  
 COMMENT Still living at Meols  
**08/01/1945** Bill teeth - Mary evening  
**12/01/1945** Winter Gdns Song of Bernadette with Auntie  
**29/01/1945** Night Train to London 12.00midnight arrive 11.30  
 COMMENT To see Don Courtney re Tony  
**30/01/1945** Don Courtney for afternoon and dinner - stayed night  
**31/01/1945** Shopping in afternoon - visit flat  
**01/02/1945** 11.55 train for Meols  
**25/02/1945** Yvonne to Freetown  
**28/02/1945** Chris home on leave  
**04/03/1945** Toothache

**05/03/1945** Dentist - removed filling in wisdom - replace temp dressing  
**06/03/1945** still aching - dentist remove two fillings in next tooth - replace with temp dressing  
**07/03/1945** Meet Heldea - Hamlet 6.00  
**09/03/1945** Dentist opened up 3rd tooth from back - dead - abscess trying to save it gums inflames - pain continues  
**12/03/1945** Dentist opened up tooth more drained roots refill temps in back  
**13/03/1945** See Jamie - advises tooth extraction - Xray the lot.  
**15/03/1945** Tooth extracted  
**19/03/1945** Phoned Bill - advises 2 back teeth removed - Phones D.. Told him of extractions - made appointment  
**23/03/1945** Dentist 11.00 - silly fool all for nothing refuses to extract 2 back teeth - did tell him on the phone on mon appointment for it - shall not go to him again  
**26/03/1945** see Bill - tooth extracted  
**27/03/1945** See Janie  
 COMMENT Probably a Doctor  
**29/03/1945** Janie sees Raoul - bronchitis - home to bed  
**30/03/1945** Janie- Ears syringed - examined antrems - last V bomb dropped on South  
 COMMENT LAST V BOMB in SOUTH

**01/04/1945** Start Pot Iodine Tablet - 3 months

**04/04/1945** Raoul still in bed with cough

**05/04/1945** Tony's Birthday - ring Jainie - suspects Whooping cough - Alan Home for leave from Belgium - goes to Hilda  
COMMENT Tony ?

**06/04/1945** Janie to see Raoul announces whooping cough and congestion of the lungs - gave injection

**08/04/1945** Raoul gave a genuine whoop this afternoon

**16/04/1945** see Bill 3.00

**19/04/1945** Mary returning to London with furniture  
COMMENT Mary occupied another flat in 81 Stanhope Road

**22/04/1945** Chris' Birthday

**09/05/1945** VE Day  
COMMENT End of war in Europe

**14/05/1945** Raoul in Bed again - cold

**19/05/1945** Perm

**28/05/1945** Advance Luggage - Carter Paterson  
COMMENT Luggage back to London

**30/05/1945** Back to London 2.00 pm Lime Street  
COMMENT Returned form Meols to London

**07/06/1945** First meeting

**12/06/1945** Mrs Midd

**17/06/1945** NO.4 for the day - Albert Hall

**21/06/1945** Piano tuner - Jean Jock and Brenda for the day  
COMMENT Brenda was Jean's Sister

**29/06/1945** Dentist Lunch with Mrs Midd- Chiswick afternnon

**30/06/1945** Reigate

**02/07/1945** Mary leaves for Haslemere

**06/07/1945** Dentist

**09/07/1945** Piano tuner - overhaul

**11/07/1945** Dentist

**18/07/1945** Dentist

**20/07/1945** Sidney for Tea

**21/07/1945** Party at No. 4

**22/07/1945** Party No 4

**24/07/1945** Dentist

**25/07/1945** Sidney Luncheon

**28/07/1945** Party at home

**30/07/1945** Dentist

**04/08/1945** Party at Maters

**05/08/1945** Party Maters

**06/08/1945** Prom

**08/08/1945** Hampstead

**09/08/1945** Dentist

**10/08/1945** Proposed surrender of Japan - Party at home

**15/08/1945** VJ Day See Mary  
COMMENT V.J.DAY

**17/08/1945** Dentist - last time - complete bridge - front filling

**19/08/1945** Norman in evening

**21/08/1945** see Mater - David to see Papers

**22/08/1945** Prom

**23/08/1945** Prom

**30/08/1945** Mrs Midd

**04/09/1945** Train to Devon  
COMMENT First Holiday Memory - Croyde- Great Dane Dog - Sand dunes

**09/09/1945** Johns Birthday

**26/09/1945** Return from Devon

**30/09/1945** See Mary

**01/10/1945** Paul Doreen Sidney for evening

**02/10/1945** Marie's Birthday

**07/10/1945** see Joan

**15/10/1945** Sidney

**16/10/1945** Eric

**17/10/1945** Raoul Studio

**18/10/1945** Montford for Lunch

**19/10/1945** Dentist

**23/10/1945** Montfords coming for Lunch evening pictures - Bill turns up

**24/10/1945** Part Maters

**25/10/1945** Dentist - 2nd bridge

**02/11/1945** Dentist 5  
Extractions lower jaw

**03/11/1945** Mary home

**04/11/1945** Pinewood

**05/11/1945** Dentist

**19/11/1945** Dentist

**29/11/1945** Auntie Tine's Birthday - Dentist

**30/11/1945** Vi for tea

**11/12/1945** Maters Party

**20/12/1945** Eyes 3.00

**29/12/1945** Doreen

**31/12/1945** Mrs Midd birthday  
Joan's Birthday

**01/01/1946**  
COMMENT Still at 81 Stanthorpe Road Moved to Chiswick this year

**17/01/1946** Dentist

**21/01/1946** Dentist

**24/01/1946** Dentist

**28/01/1946** Dressing and Xray

**29/01/1946** Sutton Hind  
COMMENT Property Agent for the Sutton houses

**30/01/1946** Sterwin  
COMMENT Dentist

**31/01/1946** RHS re Xray

**01/02/1946** Sandover Extraction  
COMMENT Sandover must be another dentist

**03/02/1946** Joan

**08/02/1946** Marys Birthday  
Sandover 12 Extractions Scaling inspection Raoul

**11/02/1946** Doreen Lunch

**14/02/1946** Sandover

**17/02/1946** Joan with Mary

**23/02/1946** Sandover Xray result app. 2 weeks

**27/02/1946** David

**15/03/1946** Freda for tea

**16/03/1946** Bub and Don

**20/03/1946** David

**21/03/1946** Dentist - impressions

**22/03/1946** Jean and Jock

**23/03/1946** see Joan - Wokingham

**25/03/1946** Dentist

**26/03/1946** Clinic Balham

**28/03/1946** Carshalton Cemetery  
COMMENT To visit the grave of Peter - Lionel - Cecily and 4 others

**31/03/1946** Into Kent - David

**02/04/1946** Dentist removed plate - temporary

**05/04/1946** Joans weekend

**07/04/1946** Albert Hall

**16/04/1946** Dentist

**22/04/1946** Chris Birthday

**23/04/1946** Yvonne Baby born 10.20  
 COMMENT Gabrielle M  
 Callow died between 3 - 6 months..  
**24/04/1946** No 4 afternoon  
**25/04/1946** No 4  
**30/04/1946** Chimney sweep - Bill and Anna  
**02/05/1946** No 4 evening  
**04/05/1946** Bill and Anna Leave - The first Gentleman - Savoy with David  
**05/05/1946** see Joan  
**08/05/1946** Telephone installed  
**13/05/1946** Dr Gorsley  
**14/05/1946** Dr Gorsley  
**24/05/1946** Neil Home  
**30/05/1946** Sandover  
**31/05/1946** Dr Gorsley - go to bed  
**01/06/1946** Stay in bed - Raoul goes to Jean for a week  
**13/06/1946** Dr Gorsley  
**14/06/1946** Balham Clinic  
**17/06/1946** St Thomas's Xray  
**21/06/1946** X ray ok - Albert Hall  
**22/06/1946** Chiswick  
**24/06/1946** Joan phoned  
**25/06/1946** back to Streatham  
**26/06/1946** Raoul X-ray St Thomas  
**28/06/1946** Clinic Raoul X-ray ok  
**03/07/1946** Hove Jean Jock John - Brighton  
**08/07/1946** Alan  
**11/07/1946** Joan Pinewood Dr Gorsley - Harry Evening

**15/07/1946** Allan - Gabrielle died - evening  
 COMMENT Gabrielle M  
 Callow died - Yvonne's Daughter  
**18/07/1946** Funeral - OHO David  
 COMMENT Funeral for Gabrielle  
**19/07/1946** Harrods haircut Jean and John  
**23/07/1946** Essex - pictures  
**24/07/1946** Alan evening  
**25/07/1946** Sandover - Joan Wokingham  
**29/07/1946** Prom  
**02/08/1946** Prom  
**08/08/1946** Prom Joan David  
**11/08/1946** Frankland Baptism  
**13/08/1946** Winifred Ewell  
**16/08/1946** Harrods Haircut Prom  
**18/08/1946** Broke Plate - dentures  
**19/08/1946** New tooth  
**20/08/1946** John to stay  
**21/08/1946** Dusty conceived?  
**26/08/1946** Sandover root inspection - scaling  
**28/08/1946** Jean for day collect John  
**29/08/1946** "This way to the Tomb" - Mercury  
 COMMENT Mercury Theatre Notting Hill gate  
**31/08/1946** Joan away  
**02/09/1946** Raoul - pictures afternoon - Lassie  
**03/09/1946** Town shopping - Ms Midd

**05/09/1946** Croyde - 10.50 Waterloo  
 COMMENT Second time to Croyde - I may be remembering this holiday  
**26/09/1946** Back to London  
**05/10/1946** The Bells of St Mary's - David  
**09/10/1946** David and Alan  
**10/10/1946** Dr Gorsley  
**11/10/1946** Doctor for Raoul  
**12/10/1946** David Afternoon  
**14/10/1946** See House - 10% Deposit  
 COMMENT Buying Bank Lodge  
**15/10/1946** Surveyor 3.00 decision 7.30 affirmative  
**16/10/1946** Mary -- Solicitor  
**17/10/1946** The Skin of our Teeth Piccadilly Theatre  
**18/10/1946** Mrs Midd - Harry evening  
**19/10/1946** Skating - afternoon  
**20/10/1946** Yvonne and Neil to tea - no4 evening  
**21/10/1946** Bank Lodge 8.00pm  
**22/10/1946** Sandover  
**23/10/1946** Terry afternoon  
**24/10/1946** Mrs Midd - Gleneldon Rd  
 COMMENT Gleneldon Rd joins to Stanthorpe Road  
**25/10/1946** Concert evening  
**26/10/1946** Don Alan James for the Weekend - Chiswick afternoon  
**28/10/1946** Reigate  
**29/10/1946** Sandover Doreen afternoon  
**30/10/1946** Solicitor

**31/10/1946** John Lewis - removal estimate - skating evening  
**03/11/1946** Midds  
**05/11/1946** Sandover - Doreen Penny  
**08/11/1946** Auction Sale - Marie Evening -- David  
**11/11/1946** Tooth replaced  
**12/11/1946** Harry Alan David evening  
**13/11/1946** Mrs Thresher died  
**15/11/1946** Raoul for day with Doreen  
**18/11/1946** Mater  
**25/11/1946** Removal  
 COMMENT MOVING INTO BANK LODGE - I remember arriving with all the boxes.  
**29/11/1946** Sandover 1st impression  
**05/12/1946** Sandover - The bite  
**06/12/1946** To Meols for car-Night Train  
**07/12/1946** Car conked out  
**08/12/1946** Return to town by train  
**09/12/1946** Streatham - tea with Mater  
**10/12/1946** John Wedding 2.30 Christchurch Sutton  
 COMMENT This may be John Davis  
**11/12/1946** Raoul in Bed  
**12/12/1946** Raoul still in bed - Sandover - Harry Roy David evening  
**13/12/1946** David night train again to fetch car  
**14/12/1946** Received from Simpsons Carpet Felt Wardrobe Tallboy divan

**16/12/1946** Sandover  
**01/01/1947**  
 COMMENT Joan living at Bank Lodge Chiswick  
**04/01/1947** David and Hugh  
**07/01/1947** Hugh to dinner  
**11/01/1947** Don due pm  
**12/01/1947** Chris arriving Euston  
**15/01/1947** Evening Don at Berkeley Arms - Cranford  
 COMMENT Pub in Hounslow  
**17/01/1947** See Dr.Gorsley for Raoul  
 COMMENT Journey back to Streatham for Doctor  
**18/01/1947** Jean's Birthday  
**23/01/1947** Westminster Hospital for Raoul  
**05/02/1947** Jane - Savoy Lounge  
**06/02/1947** Hugh eve.  
**07/02/1947** Harrods - Raoul Haircut - David leaves for Swisse  
**08/02/1947** Mary's birthday  
**18/02/1947** Joan home from Business with a cold.  
 COMMENT Joan Boxall  
**19/02/1947** Mary to stay a few days  
 COMMENT I remember Mary sending back a Christmas Present to Joan because she had not been in contact enough. Mary became deaf and seemed to have gone paranoic  
**22/02/1947** Dr Jacob  
**23/02/1947** Mary leaves  
**24/02/1947** See Dr Gorsley letter for- Westminster Hospital  
**26/02/1947** Dr Jacob  
**02/03/1947** Day in the country

**05/03/1947** See Dr. Jacob  
**07/03/1947** Raoul into Hospital  
 COMMENT Tonsils and Adenoids  
**08/03/1947** Operation satisfactory  
**09/03/1947** Raoul had a good night  
**12/03/1947** theatre - Winslow Boy - David Hugh Joan  
 COMMENT Hugh and Joan Boxall settled in Sutton - They married 12-03-1948  
**14/03/1947** Fetch Raoul from Hospital  
**02/04/1947** Raoul Haircut  
**08/04/1947** Westminster Hospital  
**27/05/1947** Alan to stay - riding Roehampton  
**28/05/1947** Raoul Haircut - Buddy married to Tiger  
 COMMENT Buddy is Jean's Fox Terrier sister of our one - Pippa.  
**31/05/1947** Victoria 9.05 for Newhaven Dieppe- Arrive Fontainbleu 11.45 pm  
 COMMENT FRENCH HOLIDAY with Joan Boxall  
**03/06/1947** Riding in forest  
**06/06/1947** Hugh and David arrive in the evening  
**07/06/1947** Paris Rail strike stuck in town for the night  
**09/06/1947** David and Hugh stay on because of strike  
**10/06/1947** David leaves for England  
**11/06/1947** Leave Font. - Paris

**12/06/1947** Staying one more day - strike over midnight  
**13/06/1947** 9.30 train from Paris home 10.30 pm  
**19/06/1947** Builders start work again  
 COMMENT This is to repair war damage at Bank Lodge  
**20/06/1947** Mater and Marie for dinner  
**25/06/1947** Haircut - Harrods  
**28/06/1947** David for the day  
**29/06/1947** Joan's (Boxall) room back again.  
**02/07/1947** Pantry finished  
**05/07/1947** Workmen finished  
**09/07/1947** White city with children  
**11/07/1947** White City  
**15/07/1947** Reigate  
**19/07/1947** Joan to Mary  
**23/07/1947** Raoul Haircut  
**24/07/1947** Carshalton  
**29/07/1947** Buddy pups 4 off  
**06/08/1947** Proms  
**08/08/1947** John for morning  
 COMMENT This would be John Irvine who spent a fair amount of time over the next few days at our house. The Irvines lived in Beverley Court 250 yard down the road  
**13/08/1947** Mr Philips in Garden 4 hrs  
 COMMENT He worked many hours over the next few weeks  
**20/08/1947** Raoul Haircut see Mrs Midd  
**22/08/1947** Jean leaves for Devon Davids and Joan to collect wireless again.

**29/08/1947** Advert in Telegraph  
**30/08/1947** Bill arrives to meet Anna from Italy  
 COMMENT Bill was a close friend of Tony's from wartime. He married Anna and had a boy Benjamin. The lived in Bradford and Bill Smith became a Counsellor.  
**31/08/1947** Joan home  
**04/09/1947** Jock to Dinner  
**07/09/1947** Jean coming home  
**15/09/1947** Dr Gorsley - Westminster Hospital - Raoul  
**16/09/1947** Raoul Starts School  
 COMMENT Chiswick and Bedford Park Prep School  
**19/09/1947** Home at 4.00 - Raoul Chris to stay  
**20/09/1947** Bill arrives to meet the baby.  
**21/09/1947** NO baby  
**26/09/1947** Royal Academy of Music Mr Creber - Chris returns to Meols  
 COMMENT This was Christine - Tine's daughter.  
**28/09/1947** more furniture with Hugh  
**29/09/1947** See Myers Foggin at RAM  
**02/10/1947** 1st Piano lesson -- cancelled Marie's birthday  
**04/10/1947** 1st Piano lesson - Chris returns  
**05/10/1947** Sidney eve off - to Germany tomorrow  
**11/10/1947** Bill ! Again to fetch baby  
**12/10/1947** He leaves for Pisa

**16/10/1947** Hair Raoul - Dr Gorsky 12.00  
**17/10/1947** Pippa comes on heat  
**26/10/1947** Ruislip  
**27/10/1947** Dr Gavy Westminster Hospital -  
 Physiotherapy - Raoul Half term  
**04/11/1947** Auntie Letties  
**01/12/1947** Enter Mr and Mrs Bushnell @ 3 gns  
 COMMENT These may be new lodgers.  
**10/12/1947** Raoul Hair  
**20/12/1947** Don's Wedding Day  
 COMMENT Don Haycraft  
**27/12/1947** Party  
**01/01/1948** Alice thro the looking glass - Q Theatre  
**02/01/1948** Raoul and Joan to Zoo  
**07/01/1948** Raoul Haircut  
**10/01/1948** 2nd Term Piano 1st lesson Joan leaves  
**13/01/1948** Raoul starts school  
**24/01/1948** Lesson Weeks Studio 11 Hanover St  
**26/01/1948** Raoul in bed Dr Jacob - Catarrah- chill  
**31/01/1948** lesson weeks studio  
**01/02/1948** Raoul up for tea  
**03/02/1948** Doctor  
**07/02/1948** lesson Weekes studios  
**08/02/1948** Mater for the day  
**11/02/1948** Raoul Haircut Harrods  
**12/02/1948** Enter Miss Wilson (top)  
 COMMENT may be a lodger  
**13/02/1948** John has mumps

**14/02/1948** Theatre no lesson  
 COMMENT Saturday  
**21/02/1948** Lesson  
**28/02/1948** lesson weekes studio  
**01/03/1948** Eyes Army and Navy  
**03/03/1948** Raoul and Jean have Mumps - Mrs Crawford comes back now each morning.  
**04/03/1948** I get mumps - phone Myers Foggin  
**12/03/1948** Joan and Hugh to be married - Charing X Hotel  
 COMMENT Surname Taylor  
**13/03/1948** David for the day  
**14/03/1948** Jock goes to Scotland  
**17/03/1948** Joan and Hugh for day - stay the night  
**25/03/1948** Collect spectacles A & N  
**26/03/1948** Pippa come on heat  
**07/04/1948** Pippa mated with Tiger - no good  
**08/04/1948** Tried mating Pippa again no good  
**14/04/1948** Midds - Chug went yesterday - see Mr Woodrow re Pippa  
**20/04/1948** School term starts  
**13/05/1948** Jean riding  
**14/05/1948** Riding with Jean in Richmond  
**29/05/1948** Bill here  
**12/06/1948** Bill to Yorkshire  
**13/06/1948** David Mater Mair Ro evening  
**14/06/1948** Bill back  
**23/06/1948** Harry evening  
**25/06/1948** Henry evening

**26/06/1948** Party at Streatham Yvonne and Neil Home - David Bill  
**27/06/1948** Midds -- then bought tricycle for Raoul  
**28/06/1948** lesson Earls Court  
**04/07/1948** Bill to fetch Anna  
**06/07/1948** Bill and Anna Arrive - lesson - Joan  
**08/07/1948** Miss Mac Allister takes a room  
**09/07/1948** Bill and Anna go to Stockwell  
**11/07/1948** To Carshalton  
**13/07/1948** Mr Oliver hair with Anna  
**15/07/1948** Telephone extension bell fitted  
**16/07/1948** Miss MacAllister coming in - Party - Anna Bill Joan - Hugh - David Jean  
**18/07/1948** Mary for the day - Joan Taylor come back to town Jean on night work  
 COMMENT Joan Taylor was Joan Boxall  
**23/07/1948** Gt Ormond Street with Raoul  
**29/07/1948** School term finishes - speech day St Peters Hall  
**30/07/1948** Gt Ormond Street  
**01/08/1948** Enter Richard Ellis - Joan and Hugh for the Day  
**16/08/1948** R paid due 14 Aug 10/- arrears  
**25/08/1948** R paid 10/- arrears  
**26/08/1948** R paid 17/6 arrears £1-7-6  
**04/09/1948** Eastbourne Burlington Hotel

**11/09/1948** Joan Hugh Raoul go to Brighton  
**12/09/1948** Return home by car call Brighton - Pippa on heat  
**18/09/1948** Party at Ken and Peggy Raoul Home  
**20/09/1948** Parents meeting 3.00pm St Peters Church Hall Southfield Road - 1st mating - no good  
**21/09/1948** Raoul Starts School - 2nd mating no good  
**22/09/1948** Pippa mated !!  
**23/09/1948** Royal Academy of Music see Max Pirani  
 COMMENT Max Pirani was an exceptional musician and Piano Teracher 1898 - 1975  
**28/09/1948** Sewing Machine  
**30/09/1948** Windsor £50 - deposit on Caravan  
**04/10/1948** lesson Wigmore Street  
**09/10/1948** Windsor with Joan and Hugh  
**13/10/1948** Last payment from Mis Mac Allister  
**16/10/1948** Jean going to Felixstowe - Raoul not Well  
**18/10/1948** Joan in bed - Raoul home from school  
**24/10/1948** Carshalton  
**26/10/1948** Windsor  
**28/10/1948** Windsor with David - Jean goes to Scotland  
**31/10/1948** Beppo's for tea  
**01/11/1948** Raoul and Joan half term  
**02/11/1948** Joan moves to Baker Str - 35 Manchester Str.

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| <b>03/11/1948</b> St Mary's Hopt<br>Raoul not well                                                                                                                           | <b>29/01/1949</b> Jack an Bean Stalk -<br>Wimbledon                 | <b>18/05/1949</b> Tate<br>COMMENT The Dentist                      | <b>14/08/1949</b> Tennis                                                                                 |
| <b>04/11/1948</b> Raoul in bed                                                                                                                                               | <b>01/02/1949</b> lesson                                            | <b>31/05/1949</b> lesson                                           | <b>16/08/1949</b> to Mary for the Day                                                                    |
| <b>06/11/1948</b> Joan for the day -<br>Hugh and David Redecorate<br>Caravan - Back for dinner                                                                               | <b>08/02/1949</b> Lesson - party                                    | <b>07/06/1949</b> lesson                                           | <b>18/08/1949</b> Tennis Jean                                                                            |
| <b>08/11/1948</b> Jean and Jock back -<br>Piano goes to Whiteleys                                                                                                            | <b>11/02/1949</b> Raoul Home from<br>School feeling sick            | <b>14/06/1949</b> lesson hair                                      | <b>19/08/1949</b> Harvey with David                                                                      |
| <b>09/11/1948</b> Jean and Jock go<br>back to Scotland                                                                                                                       | <b>13/02/1949</b> Dr Hamilton - Raoul<br>got Scarlet Fever          | <b>15/06/1949</b> Simon Callow born                                | <b>20/08/1949</b> Tennis with Jean<br>Jock Bill                                                          |
| <b>10/11/1948</b> see Father Eldridge                                                                                                                                        | <b>15/02/1949</b> lesson                                            | <b>17/06/1949</b> Tate - Dentist                                   | <b>21/08/1949</b> Tennis Jean Jock<br>Bill                                                               |
| <b>12/11/1948</b> Father Twomey 44<br>Alma Road Windsor - Johnsons<br>relative Staines - David in evening                                                                    | <b>21/02/1949</b> Miss Wilson left                                  | <b>21/06/1949</b> lesson                                           | <b>23/08/1949</b> Raoul Swimming<br>lesson                                                               |
| <b>13/11/1948</b> Joan Hugh and<br>David                                                                                                                                     | <b>01/03/1949</b> Stay night at<br>Chiswick                         | <b>24/06/1949</b> Tate                                             | <b>25/08/1949</b> swimming lesson                                                                        |
| <b>16/11/1948</b> Windsor Elect comp.<br>Calling 11.30                                                                                                                       | <b>01/03/1949</b> Stayed night at<br>Chiswick                       | <b>28/06/1949</b> lesson                                           | <b>26/08/1949</b> Hildegard Party Tennis with Jean                                                       |
| <b>30/11/1948</b> Joan Taylors<br>Birthday                                                                                                                                   | <b>18/03/1949</b> Wigmore Hall                                      | <b>02/07/1949</b> Party Mater                                      | <b>27/08/1949</b> swimming lesson                                                                        |
| <b>18/12/1948</b> Move to Sutton<br>COMMENT To live with Joan<br>and Hugh - new School and name<br>tapes and NAME - Peter. - "St<br>Norbents" 72 Cheam Road Sutton<br>Surrey | <b>19/03/1949</b> Wigmore Hall                                      | <b>03/07/1949</b> David afternoon                                  | <b>28/08/1949</b> tennis - garage £3                                                                     |
| <b>31/12/1948</b> New Year Party at<br>Mater - Fetch Pippa Home                                                                                                              | <b>20/03/1949</b> Chiswick Hullshave<br>left                        | <b>06/07/1949</b> lesson Mrs Hull<br>leave for month               | <b>28/08/1949</b> tennis Jean Joch<br>Alex Mary and Lionel for tea Bill<br>home                          |
| <b>03/01/1949</b> Raoul's injection                                                                                                                                          | <b>21/03/1949</b> Raoul Home with a<br>cold                         | <b>09/07/1949</b> Monkn gives notice<br>Party Hildegard            | <b>31/08/1949</b> swimming lesson                                                                        |
| <b>05/01/1949</b> Party - stayed nigh at<br>no. 5                                                                                                                            | <b>31/03/1949</b> Lesson                                            | <b>15/07/1949</b> Bill goes to Italy                               | <b>01/09/1949</b> swimming lesson                                                                        |
| <b>07/01/1949</b> Where the Rainbow<br>ends                                                                                                                                  | <b>01/04/1949</b> Northlace breakes up                              | <b>17/07/1949</b> David afternoon                                  | Jean Jock anniversary                                                                                    |
| <b>10/01/1949</b> Miss Priest 3.15 -<br>Peter Starts School<br>COMMENT Raoul changes<br>name to Peter at School                                                              | <b>02/04/1949</b> Party                                             | <b>19/07/1949</b> lesson - end of term                             | <b>03/09/1949</b> tennis Jean Jock Bill                                                                  |
| <b>18/01/1949</b> Peter Pan - Jeans<br>Birthday                                                                                                                              | <b>04/04/1949</b> Return to Sutton                                  | <b>22/07/1949</b> Dentist (Peter) (<br>Raoul ) 2 filings           | <b>08/09/1949</b> swimming lesson<br>tennis bill                                                         |
| <b>25/01/1949</b> First Lesson 33<br>Holland Villas Road                                                                                                                     | <b>05/04/1949</b> Arrangement for<br>removal                        | <b>25/07/1949</b> Tennis with Jean                                 | <b>09/09/1949</b> John birthday<br>Richmond Park                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>13/04/1949</b> Move back to<br>Chiswick                          | <b>28/07/1949</b> Raoul breaks up -<br>Star Badge Tennis with Jean | <b>10/09/1949</b> tennis Jean Jock<br>Leighton - evening gathering<br>Hildegard                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>16/04/1949</b> Streatham                                         | <b>30/07/1949</b> Tennis with Jean<br>Jock David                   | <b>11/09/1949</b> Garage £2 - upto<br>date                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>18/04/1949</b> Return to Chiswick                                | <b>31/07/1949</b> Lino down in<br>bathroom                         | <b>15/09/1949</b> City Barge<br>COMMENT City Barge was a<br>pub on Strand on the Green on the<br>Thames. |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>20/04/1949</b> Mulligan come                                     | <b>01/08/1949</b> White city athletic<br>meeting                   | <b>17/09/1949</b> Party Martin and<br>Hildegard - return to David                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>23/04/1949</b> Martins take room<br>deposit - Bill and Anna come | <b>05/08/1949</b> Tennis with Jean                                 | <b>19/09/1949</b> 2 meters fixed -<br>Front top Boyles come                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>30/04/1949</b> Summer Term<br>lesson - Martins come in           | <b>06/08/1949</b> David Tennis                                     | <b>20/09/1949</b> 20 Autumn Term<br>lesson Raoul start School                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>02/05/1949</b> Anna leaving for<br>Italy with Bernard            | <b>07/08/1949</b> Brompton Oratory<br>with Jean and Jock           | <b>21/09/1949</b> Pippa on heat                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>08/05/1949</b> David afternoon                                   | <b>08/08/1949</b> Mrs Mills due back<br>Jean working               |                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>10/05/1949</b> lesson                                            | <b>09/08/1949</b> Bill due back                                    |                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>17/05/1949</b> lesson                                            | <b>11/08/1949</b> Bill gets back                                   |                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                     | <b>13/08/1949</b> Tennis Jean Jock<br>Bill                         |                                                                                                          |

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| <b>22/09/1949</b> City Barge - (Max)                                       | <b>03/12/1949</b> swimming lesson                          | <b>03/02/1950</b> David goes Swiss 2 weeks                   | <b>18/04/1950</b> Aural 9.30 Paper 10.00                                             |
| <b>23/09/1949</b> John starts school                                       | <b>06/12/1949</b> baths                                    | <b>07/02/1950</b> lesson 11.00                               | <b>19/04/1950</b> Lesson RAM 5.30                                                    |
| <b>24/09/1949</b> Flu                                                      | <b>08/12/1949</b> lesson - Bank Lodge                      | <b>13/02/1950</b> Circus Olympia matinee                     | <b>21/04/1950</b> Practical 2.00                                                     |
| <b>27/09/1949</b> Lesson                                                   | <b>10/12/1949</b> Baths                                    | <b>14/02/1950</b> lesson 11.00                               | <b>22/04/1950</b> Results                                                            |
| <b>29/09/1949</b> John breaks up - Top Room Mr Thomason                    | <b>11/12/1949</b> Maters Birthday - Streatham for the day  | <b>21/02/1950</b> lesson 10am                                | <b>01/05/1950</b> Reigate for day                                                    |
| <b>02/10/1949</b> Marie Birthday She stays night                           | <b>13/12/1949</b> Baths                                    | Gas meter fixed back                                         | <b>03/05/1950</b> John start school                                                  |
| <b>03/10/1949</b> 7th Anniversary                                          | <b>15/12/1949</b> Max                                      | <b>23/02/1950</b> election day                               | <b>08/05/1950</b> Raoul back to school - Start Raoul at Piano                        |
| COMMENT Of marriage to Tony                                                | <b>17/12/1949</b> School dress rehearsal - Acton Town Hall | <b>25/02/1950</b> Mr Stevens comes                           | <b>09/05/1950</b> lesson 11.00 -- Foyles                                             |
| <b>04/10/1949</b> lesson                                                   | <b>19/12/1949</b> School Concert Acton Town Hall           | <b>27/02/1950</b> Mr Twigg comes in                          | <b>12/05/1950</b> Party at home                                                      |
| <b>08/10/1949</b> party Martin and Hildegarde                              | COMMENT Green elf suit                                     | <b>28/02/1950</b> lesson 11.00                               | <b>16/05/1950</b> no lesson - Go to see Mary                                         |
| <b>12/10/1949</b> Cheerio to Martin - Hole in the Wall                     | <b>25/12/1949</b> At home                                  | <b>07/03/1950</b> lesson 10.00                               | <b>17/05/1950</b> Bertie re War damage                                               |
| COMMENT Hole in the Wall was pub in sutton Lane - quarter mile from house  | <b>26/12/1949</b> At Beverley Court                        | <b>10/03/1950</b> Pat lunch                                  | <b>21/05/1950</b> Beppo's for tea                                                    |
| <b>14/10/1949</b> Mrs Thomason going away 3 weeks rent in advance - Hamlet | <b>27/12/1949</b> At Streatham                             | <b>14/03/1950</b> lesson 10.00 electrolux - Bakers           | <b>22/05/1950</b> 11.00 lesson Summer term Max evening                               |
| <b>16/10/1949</b> Beppos for tea                                           | <b>31/12/1949</b> with Dorothy Stokes                      | <b>15/03/1950</b> Mrs Ramsey finished                        | <b>23/05/1950</b> lesson 11.00                                                       |
| <b>22/10/1949</b> Light fire in Lounge                                     | <b>10/01/1950</b> lesson 11.00                             | <b>15/03/1950</b> Joan passed her Music exams LRAM           | <b>29/05/1950</b> Edna goes into Hosp                                                |
| <b>25/10/1949</b> Bill goes into Hospital lesson                           | <b>12/01/1950</b> see Leightton Lucas about paperwork.     | COMMENT another exam soon after.                             | <b>30/05/1950</b> Lesson                                                             |
| <b>26/10/1949</b> Bill operation                                           | <b>14/01/1950</b> Lesson Leghton 11.00                     | <b>17/03/1950</b> see Dr Jacobs                              | <b>03/06/1950</b> Mary's marriage COMMENT was Mary                                   |
| <b>27/10/1949</b> see Bill in evening ( Max Piccadilly)                    | <b>15/01/1950</b> Doreen and Paul afternoon                | <b>18/03/1950</b> Ware St Edmund's College                   | Cutforth - remarried to a Mr Davis                                                   |
| <b>01/11/1949</b> lesson                                                   | <b>17/01/1950</b> lesson 11.00                             | <b>20/03/1950</b> Weybridge St Georges college - not so good | <b>06/06/1950</b> Raoul's photo taken. Lesson 11.00. Mowing machinegows for regrind. |
| <b>04/11/1949</b> Thomason rent due Raoul Half Term                        | <b>18/01/1950</b> Jean's Birthday Leighton Lucas 11.00     | <b>21/03/1950</b> Mr Tate 4.30 Mr Goodchild starts 9-12      | <b>10/06/1950</b> Mary away on holiday - start on Front gates                        |
| <b>08/11/1949</b> Anna arrives form Italy Mrs Boyle Baby born              | <b>19/01/1950</b> Lesson 9.30 Max the Bull's Head          | COMMENT Tate was Dentist                                     | <b>12/06/1950</b> start on front gates - Rat catcher                                 |
| <b>22/11/1949</b> See Midds                                                | <b>21/01/1950</b> Paty Bank Lodge                          | <b>27/03/1950</b> M G not turned up                          | <b>13/06/1950</b> lesson 11.00 - creosote gates - haircut 1245                       |
| <b>24/11/1949</b> Rat catcher                                              | <b>24/01/1950</b> lesson 11.00 Henry coffee                | <b>28/03/1950</b> lesson 10.00                               | <b>14/06/1950</b> 3.45 Mr Tate                                                       |
| <b>25/11/1949</b> Ratcher                                                  | <b>25/01/1950</b> Max Gas meter reading.                   | <b>29/03/1950</b> Dr Jacob                                   | <b>18/06/1950</b> Doreen and Paul afternoon                                          |
| <b>26/11/1949</b> Ears syringed                                            | <b>27/01/1950</b> H Drinks Leightons for Lunch             | <b>02/04/1950</b> Leighton 11.00                             | COMMENT This was Paul Frankland and his wife who was cousin once removed             |
| <b>27/11/1949</b> tea with Midds                                           | <b>28/01/1950</b> Reigate Miss Evelyn leave.               | <b>05/04/1950</b> eyes 10.00                                 | <b>20/06/1950</b> no lesson                                                          |
| <b>29/11/1949</b> Rat catcher - Brentford Baths                            | <b>30/01/1950</b> No Mrs Sullivan                          | <b>17/04/1950</b> ARCM - week COMMENT Music Exams            |                                                                                      |
|                                                                            | <b>31/01/1950</b> lesson 11.00                             |                                                              |                                                                                      |

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| <b>27/06/1950</b> | lesson 11.00                       | <b>12/09/1950</b> | Dr Waller 2.25 West London Hospital                     | <b>19/10/1950</b> | Wigmore Hall with Leighton Recital                                   | <b>16/11/1950</b> | Mr Tarry 11.00 - Chimney Stack finished boiler alight |
| <b>04/07/1950</b> | last lesson this term              | <b>17/09/1950</b> | Pinfold Road                                            | <b>23/10/1950</b> | COMMENT Leighton Lucas was a composer conductor Edna was a violinist | <b>17/11/1950</b> | Mr Tarry                                              |
| <b>12/07/1950</b> | Tennis with Jean - Dr Jacob        | <b>19/09/1950</b> | Lesson 11.00                                            | <b>26/10/1950</b> | Isleworth RC                                                         | <b>18/11/1950</b> | Picnic Lunch                                          |
| <b>13/07/1950</b> | Tennis                             | <b>20/09/1950</b> | Anna for the day                                        | <b>29/10/1950</b> | Visit Raoul first time                                               | <b>20/11/1950</b> | Arnold fitting suit                                   |
| <b>15/07/1950</b> | John's sports day                  | <b>21/09/1950</b> | Mids                                                    | <b>30/10/1950</b> | COMMENT 2 school visits per full term                                | <b>22/11/1950</b> | Lesson 11.00 - Hampstead                              |
| <b>17/07/1950</b> | Oswald Brenton 6.00pm              | <b>22/09/1950</b> | Raoul Goes Back to School Liverpool St 4.15pm           | <b>31/10/1950</b> | Lesson phone .....                                                   | <b>24/11/1950</b> | Mary Streatham                                        |
| <b>18/07/1950</b> | Raoul to see Mr Tate 4.30          | <b>26/09/1950</b> | Lesson 11.00 - Party at home                            | <b>06/11/1950</b> | BBC Bernac Poalence .. Quartet                                       | <b>27/11/1950</b> | Arnold fitting suit                                   |
| <b>24/07/1950</b> | Town Hall 11.00am                  | <b>29/09/1950</b> | Michael Pasa 5.00 re lesson                             | <b>07/11/1950</b> | Lesson                                                               | <b>28/11/1950</b> | Lesson Hamptead 12.0                                  |
| <b>19/08/1950</b> | Hayling Island - one week          | <b>03/10/1950</b> | lesson 11.00 - lecture Max Victoria                     | <b>08/11/1950</b> | Mr Tarry                                                             | <b>29/11/1950</b> | Mr Tarry 10.00                                        |
| <b>26/08/1950</b> | Return home                        | <b>05/10/1950</b> | Lecture Leighton                                        | <b>10/11/1950</b> | Finished Kitchen and Scullery                                        | <b>02/12/1950</b> | Canon's Hotel Ware                                    |
| <b>27/08/1950</b> | Miss Jay arrives                   | <b>06/10/1950</b> | Michael Pasa 5.30                                       | <b>11/11/1950</b> | Paint Scullery Floor                                                 | <b>03/12/1950</b> | Raoul First Communion                                 |
| <b>28/08/1950</b> | Club Loan £10                      | <b>10/10/1950</b> | lesson 11.00                                            | <b>14/11/1950</b> | lesson 11.00 - Hampstead Landing Ceiling down                        | <b>05/12/1950</b> | lesson 11.00 end of term                              |
| <b>01/09/1950</b> | Start on First floor room          | <b>11/10/1950</b> | Mr Tarry 11.00                                          | <b>15/11/1950</b> | Mr Meadows 5 years piano - 11.0 Arnolds fitting no good              | <b>07/12/1950</b> | Max Student recital Hampstead 2.00                    |
| <b>04/09/1950</b> | return loan £8 Mrs Kemp on holiday | <b>12/10/1950</b> | COMMENT New Dentist Mary Davis Streatham                |                   |                                                                      | <b>14/12/1950</b> | Club Payout                                           |
| <b>06/09/1950</b> | School shopping - coat arrives     |                   | COMMENT Was Mary Cutforth - lived in 81 Stanthorpe Road |                   |                                                                      | <b>15/12/1950</b> | Wigmore hall- Leighton concert 7.00 - Mr Tarry 10.45  |
| <b>07/09/1950</b> | Mids                               | <b>14/10/1950</b> | Toto - Bank Lodge                                       |                   |                                                                      | <b>19/12/1950</b> | Raoul Liverpool St 10.25am                            |
| <b>08/09/1950</b> | Advert Chiswick Time for one year  | <b>17/10/1950</b> | No lesson Mr Tarry 2.30                                 |                   |                                                                      |                   |                                                       |
| <b>09/09/1950</b> | John's Birthday                    |                   |                                                         |                   |                                                                      |                   |                                                       |
| <b>11/09/1950</b> | Miss Whitcomb 8.309m               |                   |                                                         |                   |                                                                      |                   |                                                       |

## Some personal comments regarding the entries in the diaries

Not only do we have a vast selection of letters to Joan and some from her, but also a fairly complete set of diaries starting from 1938 when she was 18 years old.

These have been of considerable use a not only locating people and events in time, but also giving some insights into her activities and the nature of her acquaintances.

Fortunately most of her diaries are small with short entries each day, as the research task would have been wildly onerous to have to read a “daily journal”, however those few special diary entries that are long do give us some serious insights into her state of mind as she manoeuvres her way through emotions at the age of 18 years.

The few full diary writings in 1944, give us some idea of how she was managing during those lonely months in early 1944, after her brother had died, Tony had gone to India and she was left alone in her flat with a young child, and not the most supportive of in-law family. She somehow managed to operate a fairly normal life, within the limits of being under war conditions, contending with considerable trouble with her teeth, and always looking to the future when her beloved would return. Letters from him were important not only for practical advice and support but also to ensure that need for connectedness. Sadly we have only two complete letters from Joan to Tony, the two that were returned unopened as they arrived in Ceylon after he had died. These are available in Appendix 6.

Most of the relevant diary entries have been referred to within the main narrative however there are a few that stand out for me, either, as giving a better understanding of Joan’s nature and struggles or because they confirm the memories that I have of the time.

The depth of her emotions at the age of 18 regarding her cousin Don Haycraft from Nottingham, is fascinating. I have always been aware of his name as that of a cousin, and was aware that she had a soft spot for him but to see her emotions expressed so vividly is amazing.

When Joan was 18, we find the start of 2½ years of entries relating to “Jack”. Assuming that this is the same person throughout the period and that it is he whose photograph we have in Appendix 24, he was quite significant in her life. It is interesting that as she was coming to the age of 21, she hit him and that is the last we read of him. Springing to a momentarily judgemental mind is the comment from Tony to her a year or so later about her excessive generosity.

The tedious number of entries regard going to the dentist is astounding and sadly I cannot find out what the issue with her teeth was. It is pleasing to note that by the 1950’s she had had the whole lot out and from my memory from 6 onwards she always had false teeth. The incident regarding her going to Harley St for an appointment in April 1944, says so much and leaves me in amazement that she was happy to leave me for at least 4 hours in my pram in the garden. I must assume that there was another of the lodgers in the house keeping an eye open. The “special diary” in 1944 is heartrending with the heady blend of romantic longing for Tony and the deep grieving for the loss of parents exactly eleven years before and her brother exactly 6 months before.

One can be grateful to see that after the final blow in July that year, she did get out and about and did call upon friends and family to support and guide her.